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Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Penitential Order
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary	“Tocatta in G Minor”	Johann Pachelbel
Introit	“Whoever serves me must follow me”	John 12, Psalm 17
Processional Hymn (standing)	“Kind Maker of the world”	Hymn 152
<i>Celebrant</i>	Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;	BCP 319
<i>People</i>	His mercy endureth for ever.	

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Kyrie eleison *Sung, standing*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

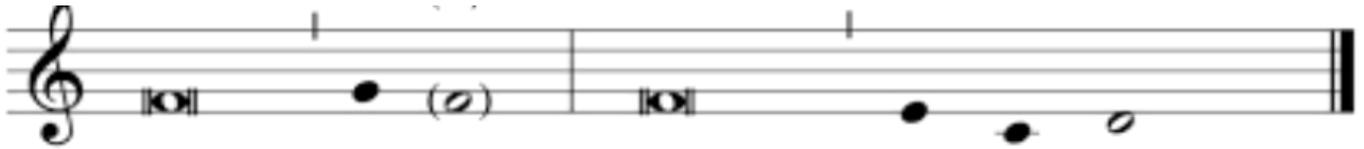
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 130 *De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, /hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my /supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done/ amiss, *
O Lord,/ who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness /with you; *
therefore you /shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul/ waits for him; *
in his word /is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the /morning, *
more than watchmen /for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the /Lord, *
for with the Lord /there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous re/demption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from /all their sins.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (8:6-11).

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (standing) "From deepest woe I cry to thee"

Hymn 151

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (11:1-45).

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Ideas to ponder

- Outside of Easter, what does resurrection mean to you?
- What dead places in your life need resurrection?

The Nicene Creed

Standing

BCP 327

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all
 worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the
 Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under
 Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again
 according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the
 Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Ghost the
 Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and
 the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son
 together is worshiped and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe one holy Catholic and
 Apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the
 remission of sins;
 and I look for the resurrection of the
 dead, and the life of the world to come.
 Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Standing or kneeling

BCP 328

Reader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Karin, our bishop-elect, and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Donald, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Sue, Julia, Jennifer, Mallory, Ginger C., Jay J., David, Ashley F., Michael, Ruth K., Ian C., Ann G.*, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

"When Jesus Wept"

Wm. Billings

The Doxology (*standing*)

(text below)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I

Standing

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

BCP 333 - 334

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus *Sung*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 334 - 336

All glory be to thee... O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and people

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei Sung

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

“Lazarus, come forth!”

John 11, Psalm 130

Communion Hymn

“Lord Jesus, think on me”

Hymn 641

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist

us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the people.

Recessional Hymn “Now let us all with one accord” Hymn 147

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” Samuel Scheidt

No flowers during Lent

Lenten Program

Canon Fodder, our 2026 Lenten program, concludes in the **Undercroft on Monday, March 23, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. After a light supper of soup, Fr. John will discuss a few miscellaneous questions about the Bible as we know it and, time permitting, discuss a few more books that got left out of the New Testament canon.

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) will be on **March 25**, with dinner being served from 5:00 to 6:00. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit, desserts, beverages and ice, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. **Sign up online under ‘volunteers’ or contact the Church office.**

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

The churches of Martinsville are again coming together to offer lunch and a brief devotion at Noon on the Thursdays of Lent. All are invited to attend any or all of these lunches; the devotions will conclude by 1:00 pm. The schedule is:

March 26 - Chatham Heights Baptist Church - 1235 Chatham Heights Road

Randy March Service

The funeral for Randy March will be **Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 am** in the church (a celebration of life will be held on the farm at a later date).

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29, 9:00 am - Community Palm Sunday Service @ J. Frank Wilson Park

Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:30 am - Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2:30 pm - Ecumenical Holy Eucharist @ Kings Grant

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar (followed by overnight Vigil in the Chapel)

Good Friday, April 3, Noon - Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist (Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:00 in the Undercroft)

Maundy Thursday Vigil

In obedience to Jesus, who wondered that his disciples were unable to keep watch with him for one hour in Gethsemane, some find it deeply meaningful to stay awake and pray for a portion of the night on **Maundy Thursday (April 2 this year)**. **Kyle Trent is organizing a vigil in the Chapel between the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy and**

Friday morning; if you are interested in taking an hour, please sign up in the narthex or contact him at kyletrent@kyletrent.com.

Attending Easter Breakfast

Sign up if you are planning to attend the Easter Breakfast on our [website under 'volunteers'](#) or [contact the Church office](#) so the Women's Group will know how much food to prepare.

Easter Breakfast Hosted by the Women's Group

The Women's Group is hosting the Easter Breakfast at 9:00 am on Sunday, April 5, and would like your help. All items should be ready to serve and in the Undercroft by 8:30 am. Susan will be at the Church on Saturday, April 4, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, if you want to bring food or drinks, then.

Use your personal recipe(s), or we have a sausage and egg casserole recipe that can be provided to you if you wish to prepare it. [Please sign up on our website under 'volunteers'](#).

Thank you so much for offering your help for our festive Easter Breakfast! The CEC Women's Group.

Easter Flower Memorials

If you wish to give Easter lilies as a memorial, "in honor of" or "in thanksgiving for" friends and family members, please complete the [order form](#) and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with your check. [Pink order forms are on both sides of the Narthex.](#)

The cost is \$16.00 EACH - Checks should be made payable to Christ Episcopal Church, with 'Easter Flowers' on the check memo line. Please Note: to print your flower memorials and thanksgivings in the Easter bulletin, we need to have your orders in the church office no later than [Wednesday, March 25th](#), preferably sooner. Due to space constraints, only the name of the person(s) the memorial is for will be listed.

Dear Members and Friends of CEC,

Each year at Christmas and Easter we decorate our church in praise, celebration, and honor of God. It is an honor and with a sense of pride that we undertake this task. We can do this because you remember and honor loved ones with your gifts of money that make our decorating possible. **Please prayerfully consider adding a memorial or honorarium this year. We are fewer in number and expenses have increased significantly.**

Page Beeler, Altar Guild Chair

Beth Cahill, Flower Committee Chair

Easter Flowering Cross

As is tradition, on Easter morning (April 5), parishioners, young and old, are invited to bring a few flowers (with stems wrapped in foil or otherwise held together) to place in the wire-covered cross in the narthex, thereby adding even more colorful joy to our celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Kelly Cain

Chalicer: Natalie Coleman, Rives Coleman

Acolyte:

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Pete Scouras, Bob Weatherall

Camera Operator: Rives Coleman

Counters: Butch Hamlet, Linda O'Dell

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Linda O'Dell, Page Beeler, Michelle Probst

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

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